The 2020 Horse Industry Day brought a new record number of equine professionals and enthusiasts to Annapolis to educate elected officials about the benefits the industry brings to the state of Maryland.

Industry members visited with legislators in the morning, were honored from the floor of the House and Senate, then returned for greetings and presentations by agency heads, elected officials and special guests during lunch. Participants heard from sponsoring organizations and networked with peers from across the state.

Horse Industry Day 2020

Horse Industry registrants: 183
Legislators visited: 41
Legislators attending luncheon: 40

Secy Joseph Bartenfelder
Sen. Chris West
Co. Ex. Steuart Pittman
Secy. Kelly Schulz
Sen. Arthur Ellis
Del. Pam Queen
Del. Mike Rogers
Del. Heather Bagnell
Sen. Jason Gallion
Del. Johnny Mautz
Del. Steve Arentz
Del. Sandy Rosenberg
Del. Nino Mangione
Sen. Marybeth Carrozza
Secy David R. Brinkley

Horse Industry Day is Presented by
Horse Industry Day 2020

16 Horse Industry Sponsors

20 Industry leaders and supporters spoke

Touch of Class Awards Honored at Horse Industry Day

The MHIB established the Touch of Class Award in September 2011 to honor Maryland horses, individuals, teams, organizations or events that demonstrate the highest standards of excellence in the Maryland Horse Industry by achieving national or international recognition.

Thoroughbred Makeover Champion Dressage
Fifth Ace, trained by Alison O’Dwyer

Dr. Amy Burk, Chair of the National Assoc. of Equine Affiliated Academic Board

Thoroughbred Makeover Champion Field
Hunter Diplomat, trained by Sara Katz

Jay Griswold, MHIB & Mike, Miller State Senate President

Alan Foreman, MTHA

Cricket Goodall, MHBA

Jennifer Webster, MAWC

Ross Peddicord, MHIB

Jeff Newman, MD 5 Star

Neil Agate, MHC

Polly Binns, Fair Hill Foundation

Kevin Atticks, Grow & Fortify

Dr. Mike Harrison, MHBA

Emily Wilson, DNR

Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Secretary of DNR

Gerry Brewster MD State Fair

Colby Ferguson, Farm Bureau

Supporters
THE MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY

101,457
Horses in Maryland
Making MD the number one state in terms of the number of horses per square mile!

35
Different Equine Disciplines

200
Equine Orgs. Statewide

16,000 Horse Farms & Stables

40 Breeds of Horses

$80,000,000 on feed, hay and straw

25% of the State’s agricultural land

705,000 ACRES
Pastures are among the best filtering devices to protect the Chesapeake Bay from harmful runoff

Horse Farms make up 10% of Maryland land

88,000 equine acres preserved forever as farmland

$2.1 Billion Economic Impact

$78m in Tax Revenue

28,000 Industry Jobs

51.8% of households in MD contain horse enthusiasts

10,000 Youths served by MD’s Educational Programs
1,500 4H Horse Projects
750 Licensed Riding & Boarding Stables
55 High School Interscholastic Teams
38 Horse Discovery Centers
22 Pony Clubs
12 College Equine Teams & Clubs

A Dynamic Agricultural Entity

A Global Equine Identity

MD is home to International gems:
Triple Crown Race - the Preakness since 1873
International 5-Star at Fair Hill in 2021
THE MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY ECONOMIC IMPACT

The Racing Sector
Racing Sector Total Economic Impact of: $572 million
Supports 5,214 jobs
Supports 3,346 jobs
Adds $365 million in value to the state economy

Competition Sector Total Economic Impact of: $270 million
Adds $162 million in value to the state economy
Supports 3,346 jobs

The Recreation Sector
Adds $234 million in value to the state economy
Supports 4,971 jobs
Recreation Sector Total Economic Impact of: $382 million

The Equine Therapy Sector
Therapeutic Riding Centers Including over a dozen Veterans groups
Add $8.4 million in value to the state economy


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